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Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN)



there are no roadways. We also have a seminar there in Simikot.

We received the extra gift KINSHIP money sent for the orphans. We are using this money on mattress and blankets for the children and warm clothes because the winter is coming soon and some kitchen items were also needed. Thank you for this extra gift from the KINSHIP. We also received the money from the MDF for

The Kingdom of Nepal had the distinction of being the world's only Hindu nation until the Hindu Monarchy fell in the spring of 2008. With isolated valleys and steep mountains, Nepal is one of the least developed countries in the world. Much of the country is inaccessible to vehicles due to the rugged mountainous terrain. While the Good News of Jesus Christ has made inroads into Nepal, the message has been corrupted by many false teachings. In the northern and western regions of Nepal Christianity is still mostly unknown.

Pastor J.B. Bhitrakoti of the HCLC-Nepal has just recently returned from a mission trip to the Humla district in the far western part of Nepal. The only way to access this region is by air and then several hours on foot.

Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti (chairman of the HCLCN) recently reported via email:

Our pastoral meeting for October was conducted 27-29 October in Butwal. In this time we (the HCLCN pastors) study the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. My father is traveling again to Butwal for congregation visit and then he will also travel to far west of Nepal. His trip is altogether 2 weeks. Please pray for him and the meeting. He is going to make a seminar in Surkhet (mid-western part of Nepal) and then he need to fly from Surkhet to Simikot in Humla district. This is the remotest place and

church building in Maidi. I will send pictures when construction is complete. The pastor and believers there remember you and the Mission Helper team with much love and thanksgiving to our Savior.

Please pray for the Gospel opportunity in Humla district of Nepal where my father is too traveling. There is much work to do in this difficult area of Nepal. Join us in praising our Savior for the glad privilege of preaching His Gospel where very few have heard His name.



Church near Butwal where HCLCN Pastoral Conference was held in October.



**Rama and J.B. Bhitrakoti
& seven orphans under their care**

Pastor Ohlmann received email updates on the work and on-going study almost weekly from Pastor Raju. They continue to study together through email correspondence courses. The lessons they go through via email serve as the basis for the lessons that are then taught at the monthly pastoral meetings. Over the past few years the pastors have gone through Luther's Small Catechism (Sydow edition), Shadows and Substance, My Church and Others, and fourteen doctrinal essays written by Missionary Koenig. All of these materials have been translated into Nepali and professionally printed by Pastor Raju, who is employed part-time by a Nepali publishing and printing company.

Our goal in Nepal is the same goal we have in every place the CLC is blessed to be about our heavenly Father's work of spreading the truth of God's saving word. We, as a church body, have determined that the best way to do this is to assist in training indigenous men for the pastoral ministry. The majority of the funding sent overseas is used for the training of pastors. With this in mind, the leaders of the HCLC-Nepal and the Board of Missions are now working toward the goal of one day starting a seminary in Nepal to be modeled after the seminary of the CLC-India that has been functioning with much success since 1998. The CLC-India seminary graduates twelve fully trained pastors each year. Pastor Raju has requested the opportunity to come to the U.S. to attend Immanuel Lutheran College and Seminary with the goal of preparing himself to begin and teach seminary classes in Nepal one day. While the internet has been a great blessing by which we have been able to conduct extensive correspondence courses, this does not replace the obvious benefits of classroom instruction. The Board of Missions is working with the ILC faculty toward the goal of having Raju enrolled and attending classes at ILC in the Fall of 2012. Of course, there is much government paperwork to take care of for a foreign student to enroll along with the costs involved in transportation, tuition,

fees, room and board, books, etc. Financing for Raju's education will be paid for through your offerings to the Mission Development Fund (MDF).

Please continue to pray for the pastors of the HCLC-Nepal as they continue to strengthen and encourage the faith of the members in the congregations they serve. Pray that the Lord would bless the preaching of the Gospel especially in the distant districts of Nepal where there has been very little witness to the Gospel given. Remember the seven orphans that are being cared for by the Bhitrakoti family through KINSHIP sponsorship. And finally, ask that the Lord would bless the efforts to bring Pastor Raju to the U.S. and ILC where he can study, learn, and be prepared to train many more pastors in Nepal for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry.



**Pastor Raju
Bhitrakoti (on
the left)**

**Raz Tamang
(friend/church
member in
the middle)**

**Rajan (brother
of Raju on the
right)**

More information about the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal can be found in the history section of our missions website at: lutheran-missions.org/history/history-of-nepal

Pray for Thailand

Mark Bohde and his son Carlton, when finishing work in Myanmar with the CLCM, will be proceeding to Thailand to investigate possibilities of the resumption of work there. Pray for this success.

Most recently Mark and his family lived and served in Thailand from 1999-2005. It was in 2005 that they had to return stateside due to Mark's deteriorating health. Many of us have been praying for his complete recovery.

Mark has written that his being able to sleep well is the last step in his recovery,

"This appears to be the last step in my complete recovery. I thank the Lord, because it is my dream to return to Thailand and begin training. I can only conclude that now is the right time according to God's will. "